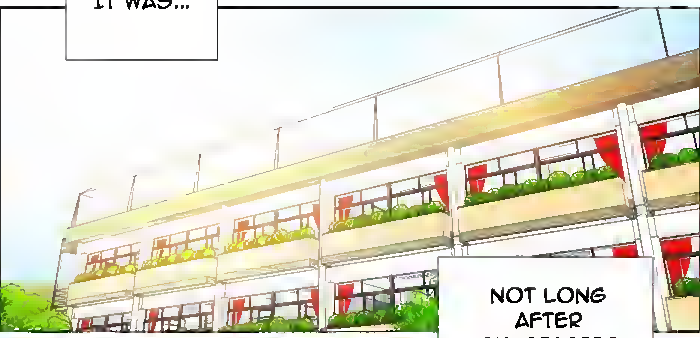
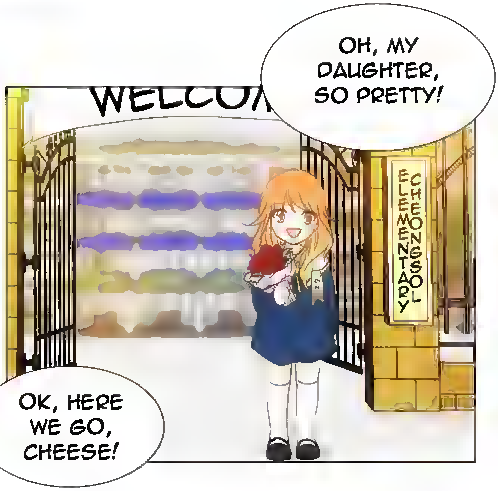
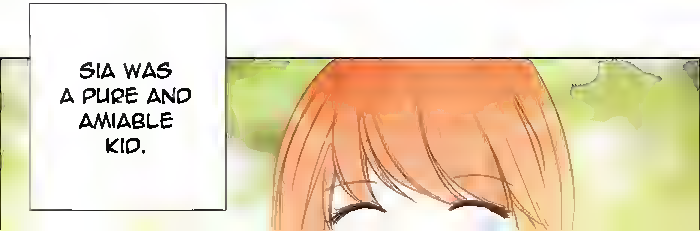
IT WAS...

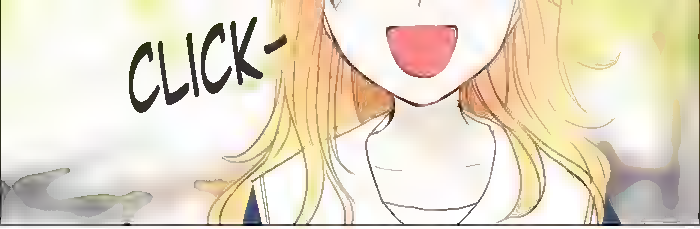


NOT LONG AFTER SIA STARTED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...

OK, SIA, LOOK HERE.

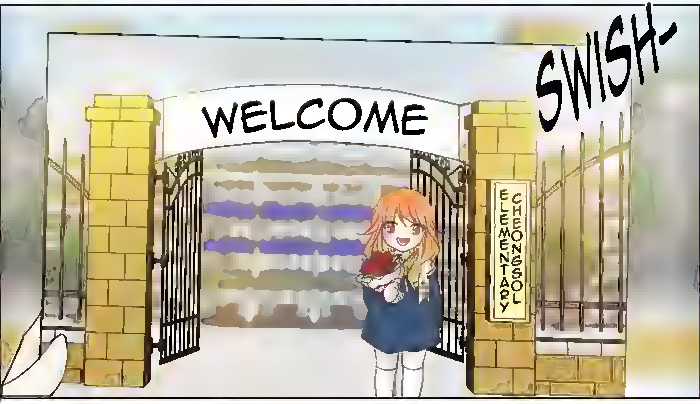

OH, MY DAUGHTER, SO PRETTY!
CHEONGSOL ELEMENTARY
OK, HERE WE GO, CHEESE!

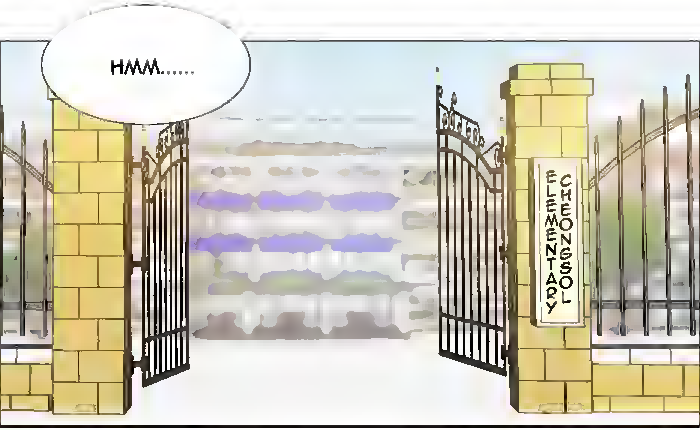

SIA WAS A PURE AND AMIABLE KID.

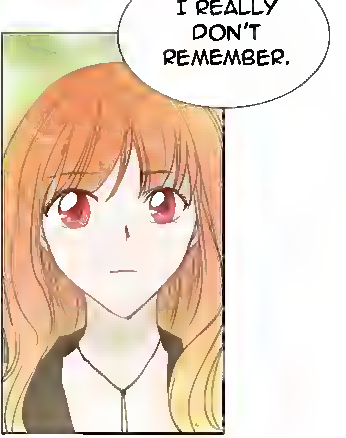

CLICK-

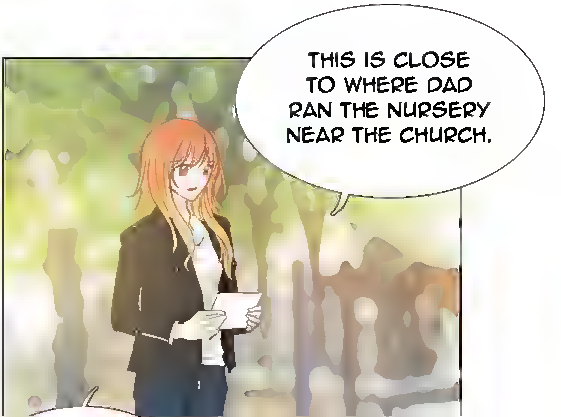
unTOUCHable

113. AND THERE

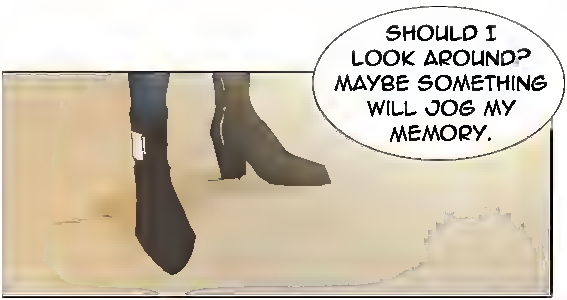

WELCOME
SWISH-
CHEONGSOL ELEMENTARY

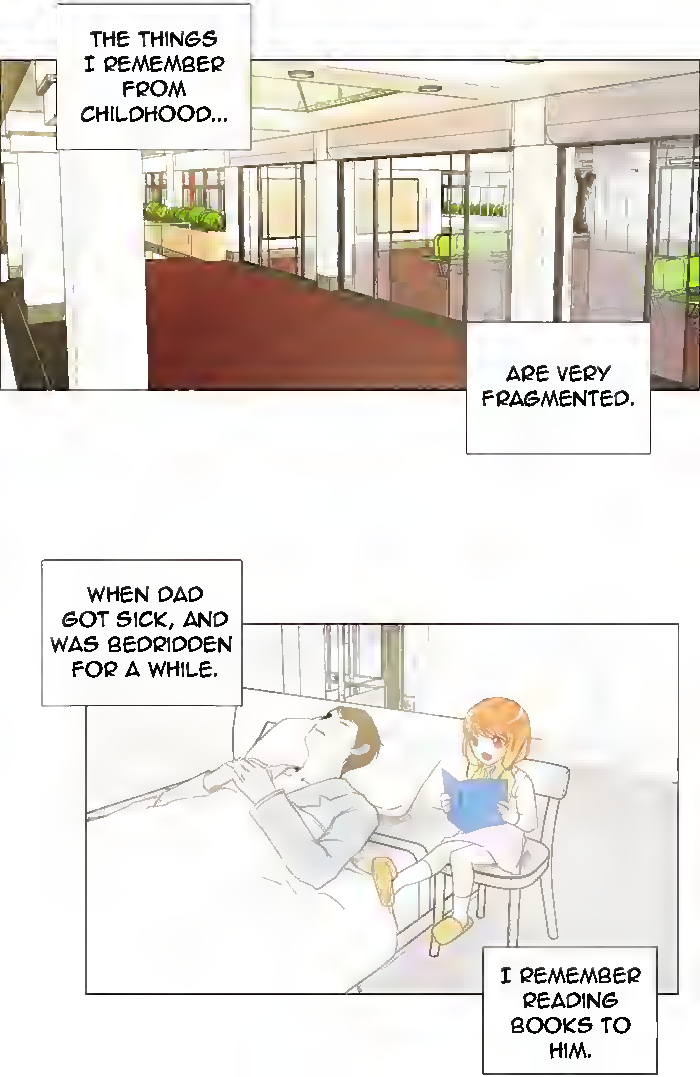

HMM.....
CHEONGSOL ELEMENTARY

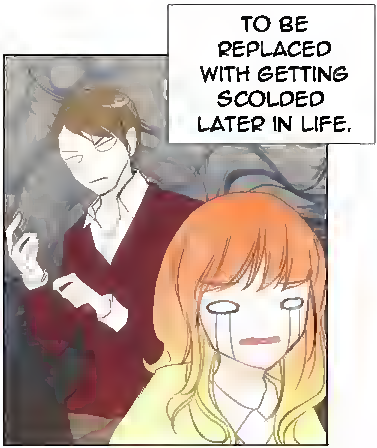

I REALLY DON'T REMEMBER.

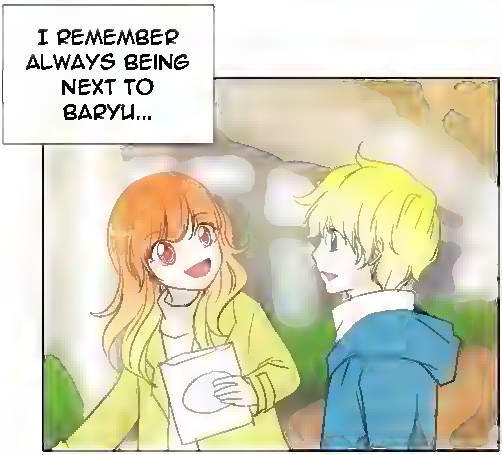

THIS IS CLOSE TO WHERE DAD RAN THE NURSERY NEAR THE CHURCH.

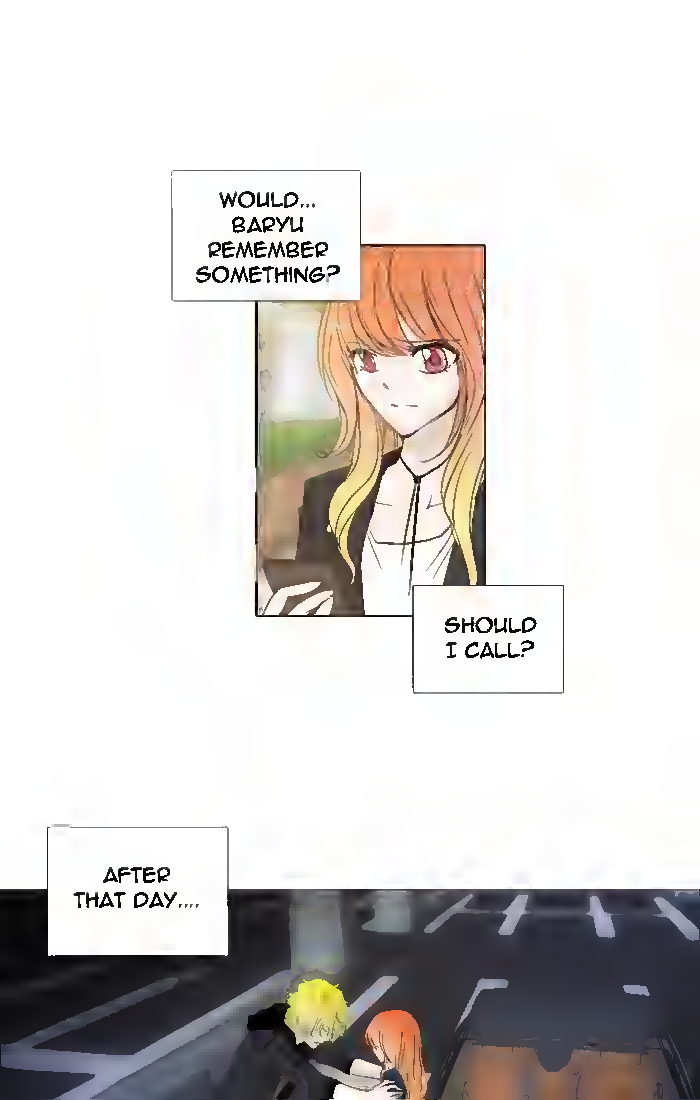
SO I MUST HAVE ATTENDED HERE..
AND THE PICTURE PROVES IT

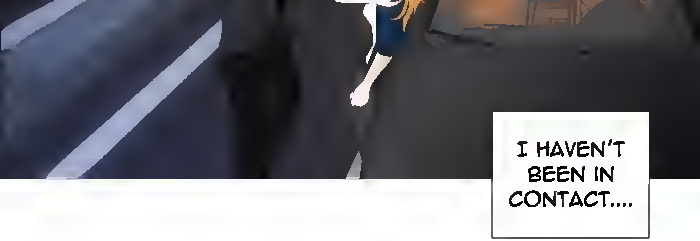

SHOULD I LOOK AROUND? MAYBE SOMETHING WILL JOG MY MEMORY.

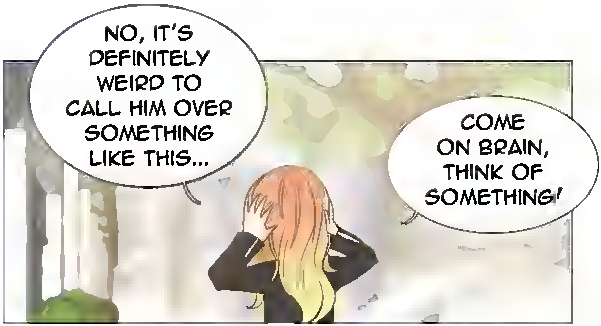

THE THINGS I REMEMBER FROM CHILDHOOD...
ARE VERY FRAGMENTED.
WHEN DAD GOT SICK, AND WAS BEDRIDDEN FOR A WHILE.
I REMEMBER READING BOOKS TO HIM.

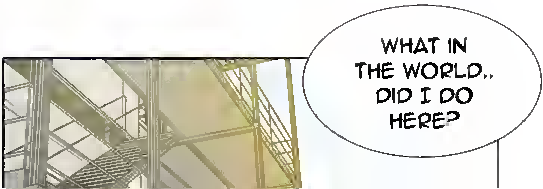

TO BE REPLACED WITH GETTING SCOLDED LATER IN LIFE.

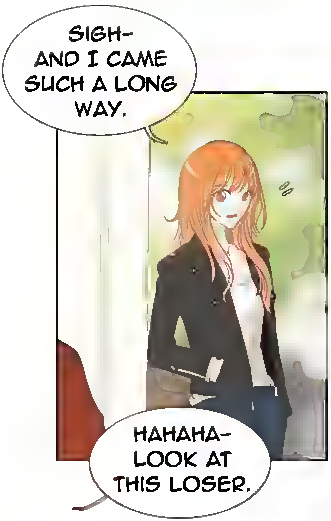

I REMEMBER ALWAYS BEING NEXT TO BARYU...

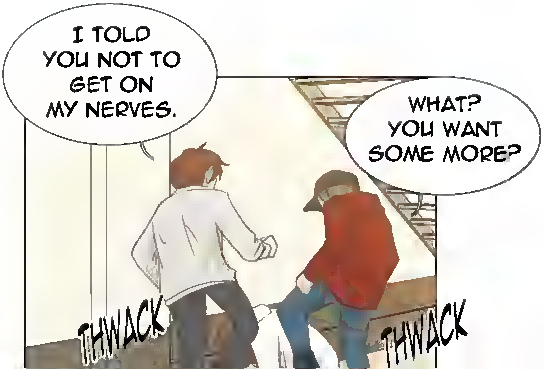

WOULD... BARYU REMEMBER SOMETHING?
SHOULD I CALL?
AFTER THAT DAY....


I HAVEN'T BEEN IN CONTACT....

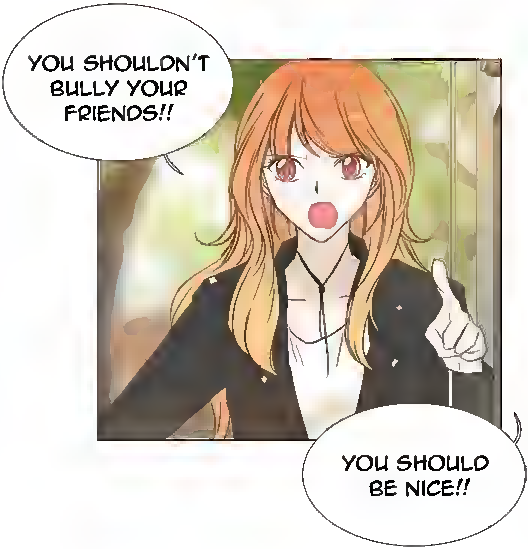

NO, IT'S DEFINITELY WEIRD TO CALL HIM OVER SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
COME ON BRAIN, THINK OF SOMETHING!


WHAT IN THE WORLD.. DID I DO HERE?


SIGH- AND I CAME SUCH A LONG WAY.
HAHAHA- LOOK AT THIS LOSER.


I TOLD YOU NOT TO GET ON MY NERVES.
WHAT? YOU WANT SOME MORE?
THWACK
THWACK

DON'T TALK BACK FROM NOW ON.
OH LOOK AT HIM CRY, HE'S CRYING. HAHA-
HEY!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!


YOU SHOULDN'T BULLY YOUR FRIENDS!!
YOU SHOULD BE NICE!!

WHO IS THIS OLD LADY.

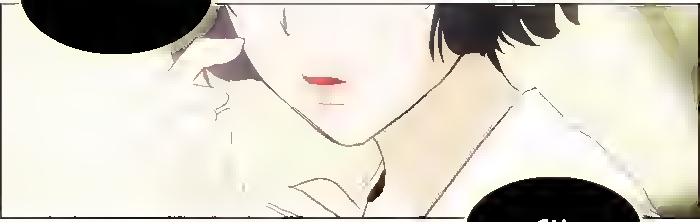
LET'S GO.
O-OLD LADY?! YOU..!!

KID, YOU OK? ARE YOU HURT?
... SNIFF.. YA.

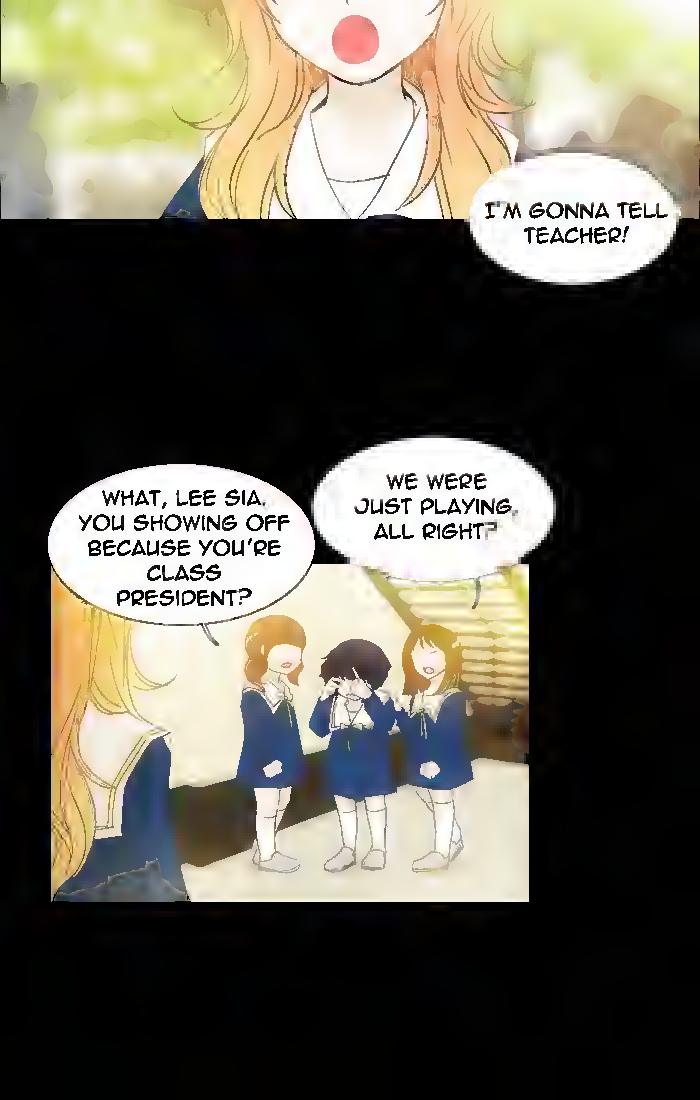
THANK YOU.

...THANK YOU.
..HUH?

THANK YOU


SIA.

HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
FRIENDS SHOULDN T BULLY EACH OTHER


I'M GONNA TELL TEACHER!
WHAT, LEE SIA. YOU SHOWING OFF BECAUSE YOU'RE CLASS PRESIDENT?
WE WERE JUST PLAYING. ALL RIGHT?

DON'T TELL TEACHER. HEY, LET'S GO.
ARE YOU OK?

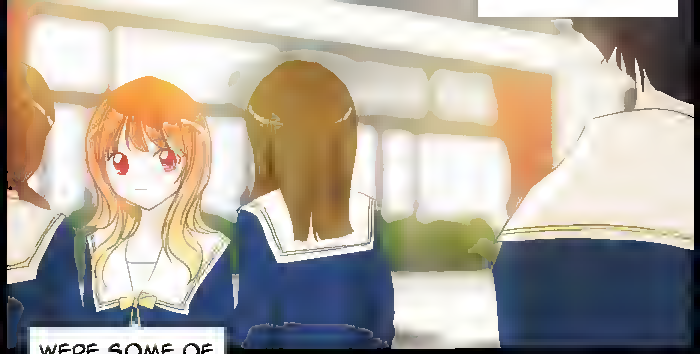
LET ME SEE. ARE YOU HURT?

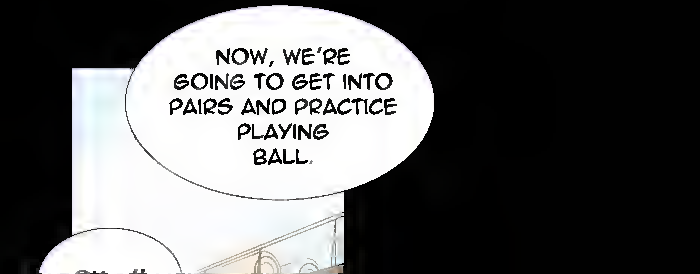
LET'S GO TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE
SNIFF SNIFF.. YEAH.
THANK YOU, SIA.
SHE,

WAS IN THE SAME CLASS.

SHE ALWAYS SAT QUIETLY IN A CORNER.

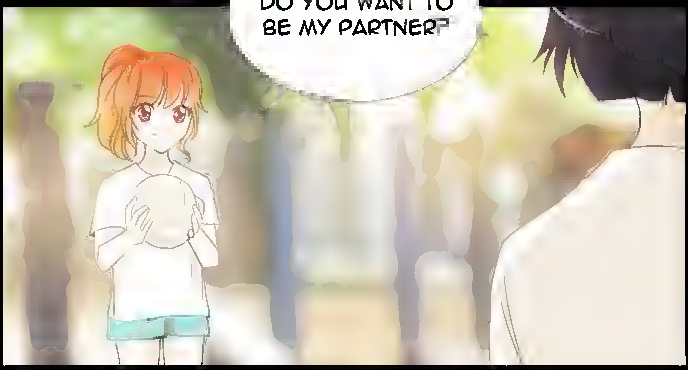
I'D NEVER SEEN HER TALK TO ANYONE.
SO NOBODY SEEMED TO THINK SHE WAS THEIR FRIEND.
SHE'S HAUNTED. SHE'S GOT A DISEASE...

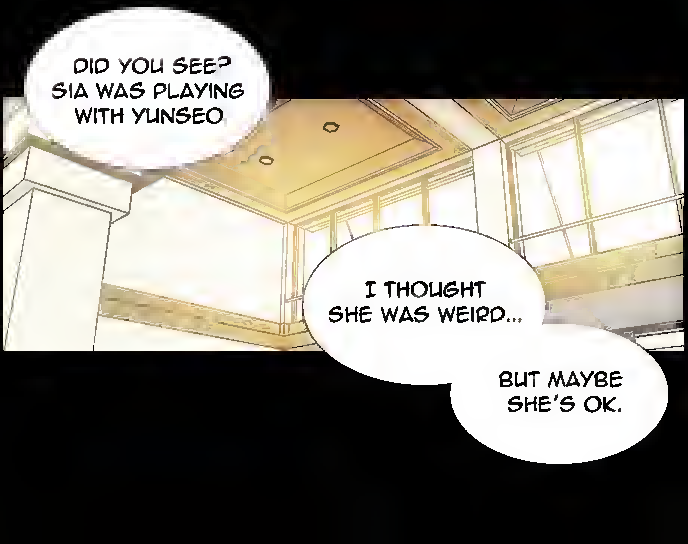

WERE SOME OF THE AWFUL RUMORS THAT WENT AROUND.


NOW, WE'RE GOING TO GET INTO PAIRS AND PRACTICE PLAYING BALL.

OK~~!!

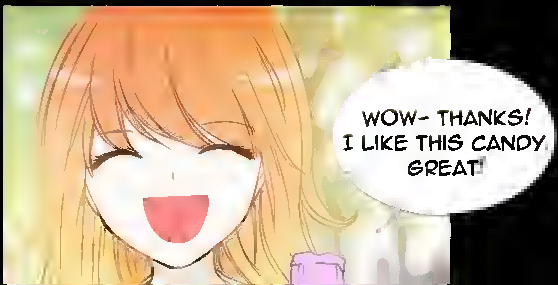
YUNSEO,
DO YOU NOT
HAVE A PARTNER
YET?


DO YOU WANT TO
BE MY PARTNER?


DID YOU SEE?
SIA WAS PLAYING
WITH YUNSEO
I THOUGHT
SHE WAS WEIRD...
BUT MAYBE
SHE'S OK.

HERE- FOR YOU.
THANK YOU. FOR BEING MY PARTNER TODAY.

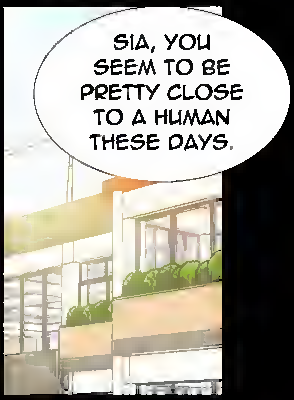
I DON'T HAVE... ANYTHING ELSE I CAN GIVE YOU


WOW- THANKS! I LIKE THIS CANDY GREAT!

YOU HAD FUN TODAY, TOO, RIGHT? WE CAN BE PARTNERS AGAIN NEXT TIME. HOW DOES THAT SOUND?
....OK!

WE BECAME CLOSE FRIENDS, AND NEVER LEFT ONE ANOTHER'S SIDE.
NOBODY BULLIED HER ANYMORE.
WE WERE A GOOD FRIEND TO THE OTHER PERSON.

AND WE CHERISHED EACH OTHER.



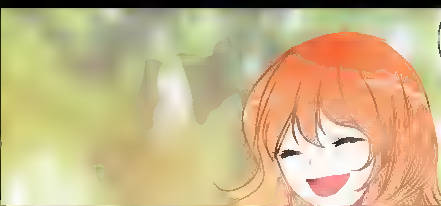
WE'RE VAMPIRES AND HUMANS ARE PREY.
YOU SHOULDN'T GET TOO CLOSE.

WHAT DOES IT MATTER IF WE'RE VAMPIRES OR IF WE'RE HUMAN?

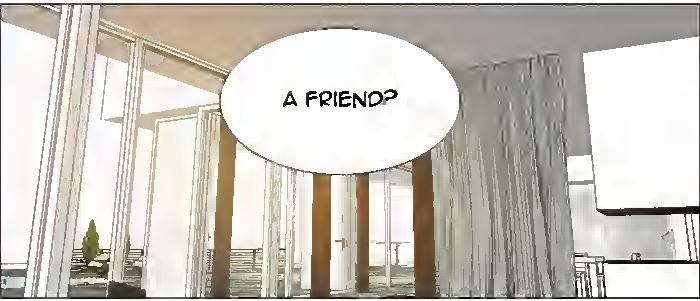
WE'RE ALL CLASSMATES LEARNING THE SAME THINGS AND PLAYING

I DON'T THINK THE WAY YOU DO.

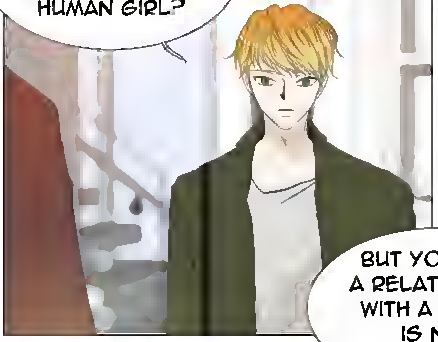
I THINK IT'D BE NICE IF EVERYONE GOT ALONG.



DON'T YOU
THINK SO?

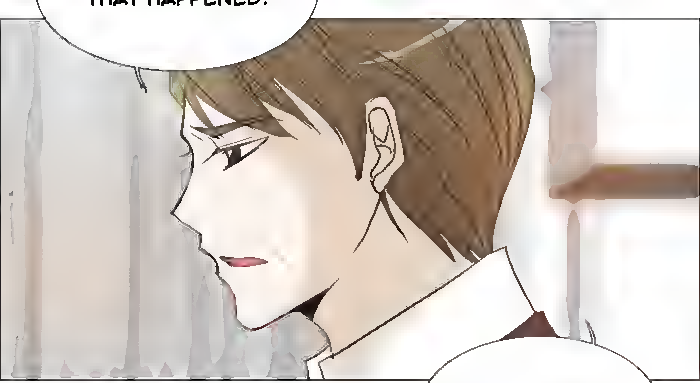


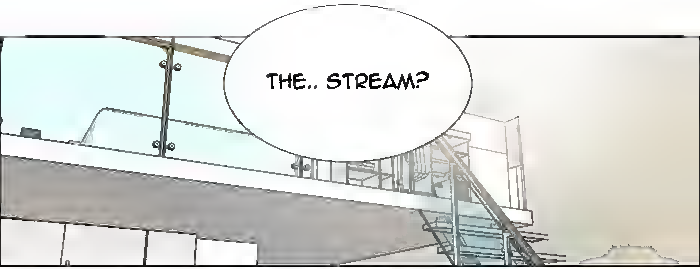
YOU'RE SAYING SIA BECAME FRIENDS WITH A

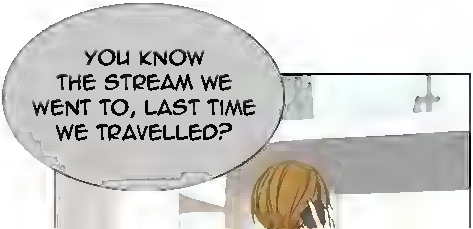

HUMAN GIRL?
BUT YOU SAID A RELATIONSHIP WITH A HUMAN IS NOT ALLOWED....

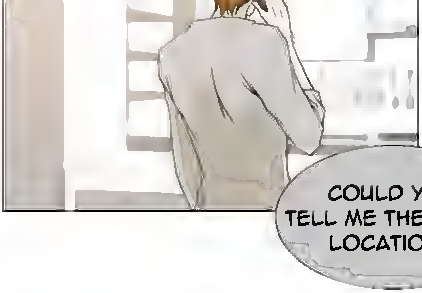
RIGHT, I DID.
AND THAT WAS MORE TRUE FOR SIA.

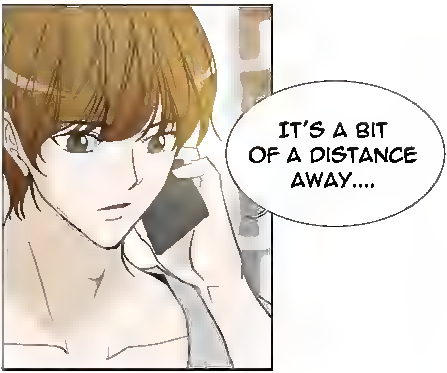
.....AND THEN,


THAT HAPPENED.
THAT DAY... BY THE STREAM.


THE.. STREAM?

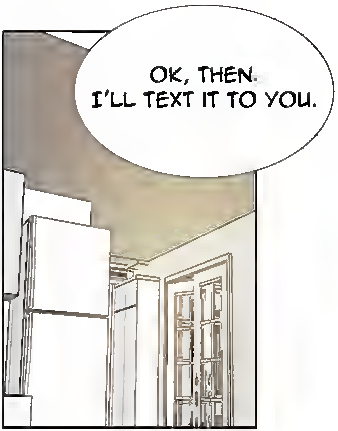

YOU KNOW
THE STREAM WE
WENT TO, LAST TIME
WE TRAVELLED?

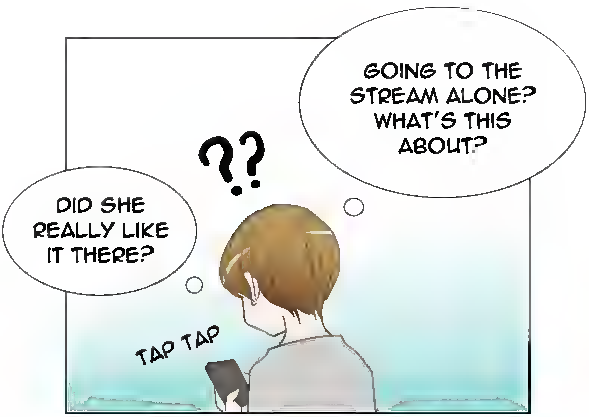

COULD YOU TELL ME THE EXACT LOCATION?


IT'S A BIT OF A DISTANCE AWAY....

SIA, WHERE ARE YOU? I'LL DRIVE YOU THERE.

NO. I'LL
GO ALONE
I'M NEAR IT, SO
PLEASE TELL ME
WHERE IT IS.


OK, THEN.
I'LL TEXT IT TO YOU.


GOING TO THE STREAM ALONE? WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?
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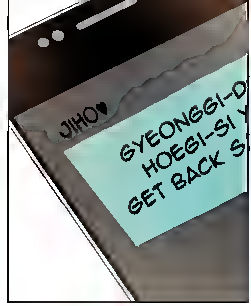
DID SHE REALLY LIKE IT THERE?
TAP TAP

DING-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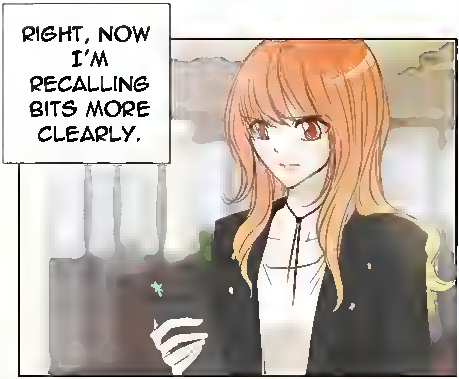
GYEONGGI-D
HOEGI-SI
GET BACK S


RIGHT, NOW I'M RECALLING BITS MORE CLEARLY.

I HAD A FRIEND WHO WAS A HUMAN.

AND WE
DEFINITELY...

THE DE JAVU I FELT WHEN I WAS WITH JIHO LAST TIME.
IT WASN'T MY IMAGINATION.

THEN....
AND THERE...

to be continued